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ITALY.

Quarantine restrictions against Egyptian ports.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., June 8, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your information copy of a note from the Italian chargé d'affaires at this capital, relative to the quarantine in Italy of vessels touching at Egyptian ports.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN HAY.

The honorable the SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

EMBASSY OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY,
Washington, D. C., June 3, 1899.

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE: I have the honor to communicate to your excellency the following telegram which I have received from the royal minister of the interior:

"By ordinance of May 28 of last year, orders were given to admit to free communication with the shore vessels which, although having touched at Egyptian ports, have kept themselves strictly quarantined there. Those vessels will be regarded as such (a) which have not taken on board either passengers or goods of any kind at those ports; (b) those having already on board passengers coming from other places, but whose passengers and crew have not landed, and have had no communication whatever with the infected country; (c) those which, while in quarantine, have taken on board only postal correspondence (excepting packages and samples) wrapped in tarred bags, which correspondence had been kept there in a local depository for at least twenty-four hours, free from contact having lozenges of the Schering preparation placed in them in the proportion of at least two for every cubic meter of space."

Accept, etc.,

G. C. VINCI.

MEXICO.

Yellow fever in Tampico.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Tampico, Mexico, June 5, 1899.

SIR: On the morning of the 4th instant, I addressed you the following cable: "One case yellow fever officially reported. Probably sporadic," which I hereby confirm.

On the 3d instant I heard rumors of yellow fever and wrote for information to Dr. A. Matienzo, whose reply confirmed them. One case two days old had been discovered, sent to the pesthouse, other occupants of the house sent away, and the house fumigated. Cause of this case unknown, presumed infection came from Vera Cruz. Also wired Dr. Samuel H. Hodgson, acting assistant surgeon, United States Marine-Hospital Service, now in Vera Cruz, he having requested me to inform him of any appearance of the fever. It seems to be the intelligent opinion that yellow fever will not spread here from this case or even from others that may appear occasionally, unless the rains come to stir up the foulness around the lagoons.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL E. MAGILL,
United States Consul.

The honorable the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.